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Examiner/GAU: Mark Alan Sager/3713

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REPLY

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, District of Columbia 20231

Dear Sir:

In reply to the Office Action mailed August 13, 2002, we advise as follows:

REMARKS

Examiner is maintaining his rejection of the present claims on the basis that he considers US patent 5,566,290 (Silverbrook) to disclose an "integral" printer because there is disclosure of a "connected" printer.

To begin with, we disagree that the citation raised by the examiner is a suitable basis for an obviousness objection. The present application is particularly and exclusively concerned with "a video game console". All of the claims are directed to this field of art. By contrast, Silverbrook '290 is particularly and exclusively concerned with an audio-visual editing apparatus (see abstract and entire specification) for use in video applications. Silverbrook '290 in no way discloses anything to do with gaming, and it will be appreciated that the field of video gaming is completely distinct from that of audio-visual editing. At best, there is some disclosure of adding animated visuals to video. However, the hardware, software, and input/output requirements and facilities are not the same for the two arts, nor are they even roughly equivalent. For this reason alone, it is respectfully submitted that the present claims are patentable over the citation (or combination of citations) mentioned.